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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for

1956

including

Report of the Port Health Inspector

by

T.D. Blobb, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Comprising the Borough of Maldon, Maldon Rural District, West Mersea Urban District and Lexden and Winstree Rural District.

Her Worhsip the Mayor - Alderman Mrs. E.F.M. Brewster, J.P.,C.C. Aldermen W. Binder, D.R. Cargill, E.C. Dines, J.P., and D.C. Fenn. Councillors F.W. Brewster, C. Dowsett, A.V. Edwards, Mrs. E.R. Flack, W.C. Ginn, S. Hardy-King, G.J. Hughes, W.S. Hutchinson, Mrs. W.R. Keeble, D.E. Lewsey, N.J. Mitchell, A.F. Mullis, A.G.Ralph, D.T.K. Tonkin and A.E. Woodward.

SECTION 1 STAFF.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other Appointments Held.
K.C. Robertson.	Clerk.	1st August 1947.	Solicitor and Town Clerk.	Town Clerk Borough of Maldon.
Dr. T.D. Blott.	Medical Officer of Health.	1st March 1954.	B.Sc.,M.B., B.S.,D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health Borough of Maldon.
R.A. Hallett.	Port Health Inspector.	25th September 1950.	Cert.S.I.J.B. M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector Borough of Maldon.
C.F. Hunt.	Treasurer.	1st January 1944.	Borough Treasurer.	Treasurer Borough of Maldon.

To the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Councillors
of the Borough of Maldon.

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my third annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon. This covers the year ending 31st December 1956.

During the year there were no notifications of infectious diseases although I was called upon to examine one case of industrial dermatitis, thought to be associated with the unloading of timber. I formed the opinion that this was in no way due to any infection or unhygienic condition of work.

Conditions of boats inspected were found to be satisfactory although once again the amount of examinations carried out fell below what I regard as a satisfactory minimum.

In June I attended a meeting of the Association of Sea & Air Port Health Authorities where the question of the Control of Smallpox was dealt with by Professor A.W. Downie of Liverpool University. Subsequently I had copies of this paper circulated to General Practitioners residing in the area.

The Conditions under which oysters are stored at West Mersea have again required considerable attention and I have arranged for full investigations to be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Research Station at Burnham-on-Crouch, in co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service. Unless they are able to assure us of a reasonable degree of safety in the future I think the question of some positive measures will have to be considered during 1957.

I am much indebted to your Port Health Inspector, Mr. Hallett, for his vigilance, and to your River Bailiff, Mr. Huckle, for his willingness at all times to assist me in my duties.

I am, Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T.D. Blott.

B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected By the Medical Officer of Health	Number Inspected By the Public Health Inspector.	Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports	45	9,397	4	7	nil
Coastwise	93	7,183	6	26	nil
TOTAL.	138	16,580	10	33	nil

SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS	Nil
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	Nil
CARGO TRAFFIC.	(PRINCIPAL IMPORTS	Timber, Wheat, Live Eels.	
	(PRINCIPAL EXPORTS	Wheat.	
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		

SECTION 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION Vl - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION Vll - Venereal Disease.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION Vlll - Smallpox. Arrangements have been made for all specimens from suspected cases of Smallpox to be sent to the Virus Reference Laboratory at Colindale whenever necessary.

SECTION lX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

TABLE D

NIL

NO CHANGE.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurence of Malaria in ships.

NIL

SECTION Xl - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION Xll - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION X11 - continued.

TABLE E

NIL.

TABLE F

NIL.

SECTION X111 - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections.		Notices Served. Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	Result of Serving Notices.
Crew accommodation.	43	NIL	NIL	NIL
Galley and Food Store.	43	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total.	86	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION X1V - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.
WEST MERSEA OYSTER FISHERIES.

NO CHANGE.

WEST MERSEA SEWER OUTFALL AND POSSIBLE COCKLE POLLUTION.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (Not Applicable).

SECTION XV1 - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE.